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SUBJECT: FINANCE: FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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1. THE MONETARY AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE (MAS) IS CONSIDERING WAYS TO REINFORCE PUBLIC AND DEPOSITOR CONFIDENCE IN ITS BANKS. AMONG THESE, MAS CONSIDERING FDIC-TYPE DEPOSIT INSURANCE SYSTEM. MAS PRESENTLY EXERCISES VERY CLOSE SUPERVISION OVER BANK OPERATIONS. AS BEING REPORTED REFAIR, RECENT RUMORS AND REACTIONS AGAINST TWO LOCAL BANKS HAVE STIMULATED DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS WAYS TO AVOID OR MINIMIZE RECURRENCE OF THESE RUMORS AND THEIR EFFECTS ON BANKING COMMUNITY.

2. MAS IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH FDIC; OFFICERS
VISITING U.S. HAVE RECEIVED BRIEFINGS AND INFORMATION
ON THE CORPORATION. HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT FEEL CURRENT
ON PRESENT THINKING I E; POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS OF
FDIC, PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE IN COVERAGE, ETC. NEWS
MEDIA COVERAGE OF FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK FAILURE AND THE
ROLE OF FDIC IN BROKERING TAKEOVER TO PROTECT DEPOSITORS
FOLLOWED CLOSELY HERE. MAS INTERESTED IN DETAILS IF
FDIC LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED TO EXTEND COVERAGE.
ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN COST ASPECTS TO BANKING SYSTEM;
PLANS, IF ANY, FOR GRADUATED COVERAGE OR DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN COVERAGE OF DEMAND DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS VERSUS
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, ETC.
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3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF CURRENT WASHINGTON THINKING ON
FDIC CHANGES, EXPANSION OF COVERAGE, ETC. WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AIR POUCHING ADDITIONAL DETAIL,
AS AVAILABLE. MATERIAL ON EXISTING FDIC PROGRAM NOT
REQUIRED.
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